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Former Student Sentenced for Making Criminal Threats at El Camino College

A former El Camino College student entered a no contest plea today for threatening to kill a school administrator in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Patrick O'Crowley said James Gustavo Lemus, 36, pleaded no contest to one felony count of criminal threats in case YA093135.

At today's court appearance, Lemus was immediately sentenced to five years formal probation with conditions that include remaining in jail until representatives from the Veteran's Administration transport him to a residential substance abuse treatment program.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Dudley Gray of the Torrance Branch ordered the defendant, who is a Navy veteran, to complete the program at the V.A. for a minimum of six months, with follow-up outpatient treatment for 18 months.

Lemus also was ordered to receive mental health treatment, comply with all prescribed psychiatric medication orders, abstain from any illegal drug or alcohol use and stay at least 1,000 feet away from El Camino College and current or former college personnel.

A violation of the probationary terms could result in a three year state prison sentence.

The defendant has been in custody since the incident and waived credit for time served.

On Sept. 30, 2014, Lemus threatened to kill Dr. Francisco Arce, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and other college administrators, prosecutors said.

The case was investigated by the El Camino College Police Department.

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